

Water System We came through the winter very well. Dick Johannsen reports that a new pump has been installed, and the system is working satisfactorily. Dick recently underwent heart surgery, but is recuperating in fine shape. To back him up for the next few months, we are fortunate to have Mike Reilly and Tom Jones. Should any problems arise, call Mike or Tom. Good health, Dick!

Clean-up It is evident that our area needs attention, to remove trash and debris from the area generally, and several yards specifically. Roger Shannon will head up efforts for a clean-up on April 12-13. Please be sure that only materials which can be burned are put out for pick up (no garbage or junk). Roger and his "crew" will be picking up on Saturday the 12th. Any of you who can help haul to the burning area please call Roger at 861-1573 or 738-5580. No "crew", no pickup! On Sunday, volunteers are needed to supervise the burning, so if you can help in this way, please call Roger. Thanks to all who can help.

Fire Protection In the last newsletter, several suggestions were given from Bruce Maltman, Gearhart VFD. Please bear with a repeat reminder:

1. Someone should be on the road where the emergency exists, to flag down the emergency vehicles.
2. Driveways should be trimmed to allow access. In the case of fire, six vehicles will respond.

When calling in a fire, stipulate the type of fire (grass, structural, etc.). Be specific!

3. House numbers should be clearly visible on your structure, and on both sides of the mailbox, for immediate identification.

Dick Johannsen requests that those persons who have a fire hydrant fronting on their property, assist Dick by clearing brush and debris around the hydrants, so that they are clearly visible.

Shore Pine Disease (Western Gird Rust) Mr. Mike Bondy, Clatsop County Extension Service was contacted regarding control of this fungus which is causing loss of some trees in this area. Research is going on to discover some way of controlling further damage, but to date, the most effective way to handle this chronic problem is to cut off any affected limbs, and burn them, as the fungus travels easily through the air. Remove what you can without completely decimating the tree. Those trees affected are mostly hard pines (2 needles per bundle), such as Mugo, Scotch, Austrian or Black and Ponderosa pines. You might keep this in mind when purchasing nursery stock. The disease is evidenced by a collar type ring around a branch or tree trunk. For further info, call Mike Bondy at 325-5569.